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## CORNER STONE LAYING

Ceremony by Oldest Masonic Lodge in the Country.

Those Who Will Take Part in the Exercises—The Record of St. John's Lodge For One Hundred and Fifty-six Years.

The corner-stone of the Confederate monument will be laid by the oldest lodges in this country. Norfolk Lodge No. 1 was character by the Grand Lodge of Scotland June 1st, 1741, and chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia October 29th, 1750.

The exercises will take place to-day at 1 o'clock p. m. and Grace Commandery No. 16 will act as an escort. Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Pickett-Buchanan Camp will act as an escort for the Masonic organizations. Major A. Myers will be chief marshal of Blue Lodges.

**OFFICERS NORFOLK LODGE.**  
The officers of Norfolk Lodge are: F. C. Chisnell, worshipful master; W. S. Morris, Jr., senior warden; A. T. Hoffmeister, junior warden; Isaac Moritz, treasurer; George B. Jenkins, secretary; Frank Jacobs, senior deacon; C. A. Fisher, junior deacon; Walter Edmonds, chaplain; R. W. Pettit, tiler.  
The following will lay the stone at the invitation of the officers of No. 1 Lodge: R. F. Cleverly, D. D. G. M., acting master; W. W. Vicar, acting D. D. G. M.; W. C. Ruth, 88, acting senior warden; L. J. Oliver, Corinthian 259, acting junior warden; J. B. Reid, Owens No. 164, acting senior deacon; Lee R. Guy, Atlantic 2, acting junior deacon; Rev. W. J. Young, chaplain; George B. Jenkins, secretary; Isaac Moritz, treasurer.

**THE PROCESSION.**  
The procession will leave the Masonic Temple at 12:30 p. m. in the following order: Bugle corps from navy-yard, Pickett-Buchanan Camp, C. V., in command of Mr. George M. Todd; Grace Commandery No. 16, K. T., commanded by P. G. C. Sir John L. Roper, as escorts; the several Blue Lodges of the city and vicinity, under Major A. Myers, marshal, and will proceed down Freemason street to Grand to Main, to monument site, on Commercial Place, where the ceremonies will be conducted by the representatives of lodges named above. The musical portion of exercises will be under the direction of Mr. A. F. Koerner, of Atlantic Lodge No. 2.

**MASONIC HISTORY.**  
In the list of regular lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, printed in Edinburgh in 1765, is found St. John's Lodge, No. 117, chartered for Norfolk, in Virginia, June 1st, 1741. The early history of Masonry in Virginia is involved in obscurity from the paucity of records and the destruction of important documents during the Colonial wars; but it is established beyond all doubt that St. John's Lodge was the first to receive its charter. Other lodges were subsequently organized at different periods, under charters derived from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland; and, accordingly, at the beginning of the revolution in 1776, we find certainly not less than eight legal working lodges. After the declaration of war by the Colonies it became necessary for their mutual benefit and protection to organize a Grand Lodge for Virginia, and, accordingly, after due notice, the representatives of five of the eight lodges met in Williamsburg, May 6th, 1777.

**FIRST GRAND MASTER.**  
Matthew Phripp, Esq., a bright Mason and devoted patriot, was the deputy from Norfolk, and was complimented in being elected president of the convention. Owing to the unsettled condition of the country, consequent upon a bloody and devastating war, the Grand Lodge was not formally instituted until the 12th October, 1778, at which time John Blair, master of the Williamsburg Lodge, was duly installed in that town grand master of Virginia.

**PALM AWARDED NORFOLK.**  
For reasons now unknown an interval of twelve years elapsed before the committee appointed to ascertain the ages and settle and regulate the rank of the respective lodges, reported, when the palm was awarded to Norfolk. Accordingly St. John's Lodge, No. 117, surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and received in its place one from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, under the date and title of Norfolk Lodge, No. 1, October 29th, 1790, signed by Thomas Matthews, grand master; J. R. Read, deputy grand master; B. Ward, grand secretary.

**STILL HAVE THE CHARTER.**  
This ancient and honored charter is still in her possession, a precious heirloom, mildewed and dusty, but fragrant with the memories of a heroic past. Although more than a century and a half have passed over her head, her eye has not lost its fire nor her arm its strength. Born during a stormy period, and sprung from a vigorous, earnest and virtuous Scotch stock, she has witnessed the rise and fall of empires abroad, and survived the shock of three great wars at home.

**ENTERTAINED LAFAYETTE.**  
Lafayette has been the guest of the lodge and in 1824 was made an honorary member, and signed the register. His seal and diplomas are respected in foreign lands. Without disturbing its harmony or impairing its strength, it established in 1894 a second flourishing lodge, which, in turn, has furnished the materials for a third. For generations its officers have been selected with reference to virtue, intelligence and fitness, and many of them have attained distinction in the highest walks of life. Its roll of past masters embraces some of the brightest Masons in the State. For more than forty years it had but one tiler, and he died in office. In the century of its existence its charities have amounted to many thousands of dollars.

**IT'S CHARITIES.**  
It has buried the dead, sheltered and clothed the widow, fed and schooled the orphan, and aided with sympathy and relief multitudes of worthy and distressed strangers.  
Were the records of Norfolk Lodge No. 1 published they would add a splendid chapter to the history of Free Masonry, and afford an unanswerable argument and overwhelming rebuke to the sneers and opposition of the enemies and persecution of our ancient institution.

**PICKETT-BUCHANAN CAMP.**  
Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Confederate Veterans, will meet in its hall at noon to-day to participate in laying the corner-stone of their monument to the Confederate dead, and invite all Confederate veterans and sons of veterans to unite with them.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.**  
The Daughters of the Confederacy met yesterday and arranged for their part in the ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner-stone. They will occupy a position on the stand and will place a roster of the chapter in the box that goes in the corner-stone, also a roster of the original chapter organized in 1884.

**BRAMBLETON WARD.**  
The Brambleton W. C. T. U. met at the residence of Mrs. C. D. Calk, West Brambleton avenue, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and transacted considerable business of interest to the Union.

Mrs. Martin, of South Kelly avenue, wife of Police Officer Martin, who has been ill for some time and whose life has been despaired of, has been removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, where an operation was performed with the hope of restoring her to sound health.

There was general rejoicing in the ward last night over the receipt of the news of the Holt Street bridge being made a free passroad from the ward to the city proper.

The Epworth League of McKendree Church is mapping out a choice literary and musical program for its Friday night exercises.

The services at the Memorial Christian Temple to-night will be of a specially interesting character.

The Misses Carter, of West Highland avenue, have returned from their visit to relatives in Fredericksburg, Va.

Read J. W. Phillips' "ad." of Steamboat lines.

**ATLANTIC CITY WARD.**  
The Lambert's Point car on its trip to the Point at 8:30 o'clock last night jumped the track at the corner of Olney road and Colley avenue and had to be pulled on the track by one of the cars of the Church and Main street line.

The ladies of LeKies' Memorial M. E. Church were busily engaged last night in decorating and arranging Odd-Fellows' Hall for the Rainbow Carnival next Monday night.

Mrs. J. S. Long is quite sick with grip at her home, on Front street.

The freeze being over, the oyster vessels are beginning to arrive, with large quantities of the delicious bivalves.

**HICKORY.**  
Hickory, Va., Feb. 21.—This morning a white man named Johnson, with a small dark bay horse, was met on the road by Mr. E. Simmons. He offered to sell the horse and Mr. Simmons, thinking that something was not right, told him to go to the store of Mr. J. J. Morse, where he might sell the horse. Officer T. B. Williams was notified and with Mr. J. P. Hutchings went in pursuit and captured the man about two miles out of town. The horse proved to be the property of Mr. Orley Eklberg, of Gum Swamp, Princess Anne county.

Mr. J. J. Moore is the guest of Mr. H. L. Davis, of Benefit.

**DEATHS AND FUNERALS.**  
MRS. FLORENCE S. HOSIER.  
The obsequies of Mrs. Florence S. Hosier, wife of Mr. W. J. Hosier, who departed this life at her home, No. 20 Avenue C, Huntersville, were held from the residence at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Edwards, of Centenary M. E. Church, assisted by Rev. Daniel T. Merritt, of the Huntersville Church. The remains were laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery. Following were the pall-bearers: J. R. Hopkins, W. E. Heath, G. M. Vail, John T. Hayes, J. A. Bollock, W. B. Wold, J. A. Babcock, Harry Luther.

**MRS. MINNIE KING.**  
The funeral of Mrs. Minnie King, wife of Mr. W. B. King, who passed away from earth at her home on Sunday night, was held from the residence, No. 532 Church street, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. Father Doherty, of St. Mary's Catholic Church, conducted the service. The interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Following were the pall-bearers: Messrs. P. J. Bean, J. M. Loring, J. M. Sowell, Martin Gallagher, George W. Leslie, C. K. Keckstein, H. Taylor, Joseph Wiloughby.

**Heard at the Station.**  
Wm. Martin was arrested yesterday by Officer Caffee. He is wanted in Newport News on the charge of stealing a watch, razor and other articles. Trolley car No. 47 and one of the wagons of Gamage & Waller collided on Church street, near Mariner street. It was purely accidental and there was no damage.

Sergeant Bean chased a negro who was "searching" on a bicycle yesterday afternoon and who came very near running over a lady on Main, near Bank street. The negro eluded the officer on Church street.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mr. John MacRae, of Baltimore, was autographed at the Atlantic yesterday. Mr. Brooks Parham, of Henderson, was among the visitors from the Old North State to Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Smith, of Alexandria, was here yesterday.

Mrs. Henry B. and Mr. Thomas H. Nixon, of Gettysburg, Pa., stopped a while in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. H. S. Seord, of the Seaboard Air Line, Raleigh, was here yesterday for several hours, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Taylor, of New York, are in our city.

Mr. A. H. Harris, of Charlotte, N. C., was here yesterday on business.

Dr. E. S. Gaylor and Messrs. S. S. Thompson, J. B. Robertson, J. B. Savage and C. R. Herker, New Haven, Conn., were at the Monticello yesterday.

A young lady was heard to say to her escort on the street yesterday: "Don't you know, this weather is just too awfully lovely for anything."

Thousands of ladies and children took advantage of the balmy atmosphere yesterday and spent much of the evening on the streets.

Mr. J. M. Raby, of Nansemond county, spent a lovely day in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Gettys, a well-known citizen of Roanoke, the "Magic City of the Southwest," was in the "Cities by the Sea" yesterday.

A joint session of the City Councils will be held to-morrow night.

Nearly all of the steamers that were frozen up by the recent snow-storm have resumed their regular schedules again. The steamer Pocahontas is still frozen up at Richmond.

Mr. David P. Dyer, for quite a while Southern Associated Press operator here, but for the past year stationed at Birmingham, Ala., was here yesterday en route to Newport News, to take the Associated Press reports for the Daily Press.

The hope was generally expressed yesterday that the "Weather Man" would give Norfolk ideal weather to-day for the corner-stone laying.

Mr. John A. Hollowell left yesterday for the New Bern fair.

Mr. Samuel C. Phillips is North, purchasing new furniture.

The Francis Barnes Y's will hold a meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Girls' Home. It is hoped that members will make it a point to attend this meeting.

Mr. J. A. Biggs is ill with pneumonia at his home on High street.

Lieutenant Charles S. Stanworth, U. S. N., of this city, who was with Admiral Dewey when Montojo's fleet was destroyed at Manila, has arrived home.

Messieurs Hugh N. Page, W. H. Doyle and R. B. Cooke are attending the convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in Washington city.

Mr. John E. Lowrey, of Norfolk, a student at Hampden Sidney College, has been elected to represent the college at the Inter-Collegiate State oratorical contest, to come off in Roanoke city.

Mayor C. Brooks Johnston, accompanied by his wife and children, have gone to New Orleans to visit relatives. Mrs. Johnston will remain sometime in the South to recuperate her health. The Mayor will return in about ten days.

Private John E. Duncan, of Company B, Fourth Virginia Regiment, recently discharged, is home from Havana.

Virginia Conclave of Heptasophy, or S. W. M., had work in the Introductory and Second degrees last night.

Only a few patches of floating ice are visible in the harbor now.

Police Justice R. M. Tomlin is acting as Mayor during the absence of Mayor Johnston, in New Orleans.

Mr. A. H. Foreman, of Norfolk, has been elected president of William and Mary College, branch of the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, late of this city, is ill with grip at his home, in Richmond.

Dr. L. W. Pigall is reported somewhat improved, but yet confined to his room.

Mrs. D. J. Wood is better, after a period of illness.

The courses of the Virginian-Pilot's "Home Study Circle" begin next Sunday, the 26th of February. See announcement page 7.

A special matinee will be given at the Auditorium Theatre this afternoon. The Norfolk Light Artillery Blues will give a smoker at their armory at 8:30 o'clock to-night.

A two-story building is being erected in the jail yard as a place of detention for prisoners suspected of having contagious diseases. The house is 16x20 feet.

The report of the Baptist Preachers' Conference, which appeared in the Virginian-Pilot yesterday, was not furnished by Rev. W. F. Fisher, and he is not, therefore, responsible for the inaccuracies in it.

The Virginian-Pilot's energetic correspondent and agent at Suffolk, Mr. P. L. Pruden, and Prof. W. C. Morton, principal of the Suffolk High School, are at the Monticello.

**OTHER LOCAL ON PAGE 6.**

**HEART DISEASE.**  
SOME FACTS REGARDING THE RAPID INCREASE OF HEART TROUBLES.

Do Not Be Alarmed, But Look For The Cause.

Heart troubles, at least among the Americans, are certainly increasing and while this may be largely due to the excitement and worry of American business life, it is more often the result of weak stomachs, of poor digestion.

Real organic disease is incurable; but not one case in a hundred of heart trouble is organic.

The close relation between heart trouble and indigestion is because both organs are controlled by the same great nerves, the Sympathetic and Pneumogastric.

In another way, also the heart is affected by the form of poor digestion, which causes gas and fermentation from half digested food. There is a feeling of oppression and heaviness in the chest caused by pressure of the distended stomach on the heart and lungs, interfering with their action; hence arises palpitation and short breath.

Poor digestion also poisons the blood, making it thin and watery, which irritates and weakens the heart.

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Mrs. ELLA DUNGAN, Reeder's Mills, Iowa, writes:

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Mrs. J. W. PRUETT, Medford, Oregon, says:

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Mrs. JOHN W. LONE, Wyoming, Iowa, writes:

"I had shooting pains all over my body, was very weak and nervous. I could not brighten up. I wished to become a mother but was afraid I never could. Seventeen months ago I got some of your Vegetable Compound, and after taking half a bottle was much relieved. I took four bottles and was cured. Now I have a big baby boy which I feel I owe to your Compound. Many thanks for your kind advice."

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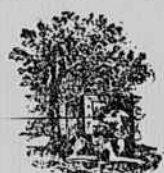


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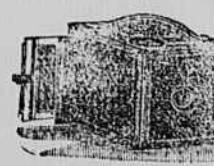
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